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THE COLONEL'S CORNER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE WORK
SUPPORTS THEM:

YOUR SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IS
BOTH NOBLE AND EXTRAORDINARY. BECAUSE
OF YOU, AMERICA IS STRONG AND THE FLAME
OF FREEDOM BURNS BRIGHTER THAN AT ANY
TIME IN HISTORY.

YOUR COUNTRY CAN NEVER REPAY YOU FOR
THE SACRIFICES AND HARDSHIPS YOU ENDURE.
BUT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE LIBERTIES WE
ENJOY EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF YOUR SERVICE.

AS YOUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, I WILL ALWAYS
SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES SO THAT
THIS GREAT NATION CONTINUES TO HAVE THE
GREATEST ARMED FORCES IN THE HISTORY OF
THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

SIGNED, GEORGE W. BUSH

FROM THE SGM

All soldiers who think that they are enrolled in a course need to take it upon themselves to check with their first line supervisor to ensure that they are enrolled in ATRRS.

TID BITS

From the Brigade Supervisory Staff Administrator (SSA), Mr. Carofilis:

It's been a little over a month since my arrival to the Brigade and I've packed so much into this one month that it seems that I arrived just yesterday. I continue to be enthused about my positions both as the SSA and the BDE S-3. I want to share with you some of my observations relative to the operations of the brigade; I also want to convey guidance that COL Padilla shares with me during our frequent conversations.

- Our brigade does a very good job of getting things done. We are effective; however, we need to learn to be more efficient. To do more with less and to properly utilize the resources at hand.
- The Yearly Training Guidance for TY 02 has been distributed to select personnel, please read it carefully, extract those areas that pertain to your area of responsibility and prepare to meet all suspense items.
- The Division will have a Commander's Conference in Oklahoma City April 5 – 8.
- Ft Sam Houston will host a Pre-Camp Conference January 24 and 25.
- YSB formal presentations by Battalion Commanders to the Brigade Commander will be conducted February 10 – 11.
- The AMEDD TASS Conference, San Antonio, TX will be conducted March 5 – 6.
- Battalion Commanders present YSB to the Division Commander in Oklahoma City on March 17 – 18.
- The Sperandio Conference, Dallas, TX, will be held March 25 – 30.
- Brigade will conduct an EMT Course as part of the 91W transition for selected personnel from May 12 to June 2. The course will be conducted here at Ft Sam Houston.
- The Ft Sam Houston Photo Lab has changed locations. It is now located in Building 914, on Patch Road, across from the Harlequin Dinner Theatre. YOU CANNOT JUST WALK IN! YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! Call 221-5453 to make an appointment.
- The Health Professionals Loan Repayment program is a program that applies to



commissioned officers in the Medical Corps or Army Nurse Corps who entered after September 30, 1990. After a year of satisfactory service, members are eligible for up to \$3,000 a year in loan repayment, with a total repayment not to exceed \$20,000. Refer to AR 135-7, Chapter 7 for additional information.

YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND

- 5th BDE(HS)**
COL Angel Padilla
- 10th Battalion**
MAJ James Hickey CSM Paul Castro
- 3457th**
LTC Floyd Priester CSM Jackie Adams
- PND**
MAJ Mary Gomez CSM David Stading
- HHD – 5th BDE**
LT Beth Spoon SFC Dan Carlin

FROM THE S1

All personnel need to notify their unit administrator in advance if they plan to perform RSTs or miss drill for any reason.

Unit Administrators need to ensure that all paper work is properly completed including RST request forms and DA Form 1380 for all drills.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History month. To celebrate, Ft Sam Houston has many events scheduled throughout the month of February. To learn more, pick up a copy of the Ft Sam Houston News Leader at the Ft Sam Houston PX or other available locations.